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SUBJECT: BNDD ANNOUNCEMENT ON TRAWLER CAPTURE

1. THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS RELEASED BY BNDD IN WASHINGTON AT NOON, APRIL 20:

" MORE THAN SIX TONS OF RAW OPIUM AND 281 POUNDS OF MORPHINE BASE WERE SEIZED ABOARD A FISHING TRAWLER YESTERDAY BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM NAVY. IT WAS

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THE LARGEST NARCOTICS SEIZURE EVER MADE IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

" THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE INTERCEPTED THE THAI FISHING TRAWLER, PASGON SAMUTH, OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM AFTER FIRING WARNING SHOTS ACROSS ITS BOW, IT WAS REPORTED TO THE BNDD TODAY.

THE TRAWLER WAS TAKEN TO THE PORT OF NHA TRANG WHERE ITS CREW OF EIGHT THAIS AND ONE ETHNIC CHINESE WAS ARRESTED BY VIETNAMESE POLICE.

" SEIZED WERE 12,220 POUNDS OF RAW OPIUM AND 281 POUNDS OF MORPHINE BASE. MORPHINE BASE IS REFINED INTO HEROIN ON HOUND FOR POUND 0 ASIS. THE TRAWLER WAS BELIEVED TO BE HEADED FOR HONG KONG."

2. ANNOUNCEMENT SENT MISSION FOR BACKGROUND USE AND NOT REPEAT NOT FOR RELEASE. PORTER

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